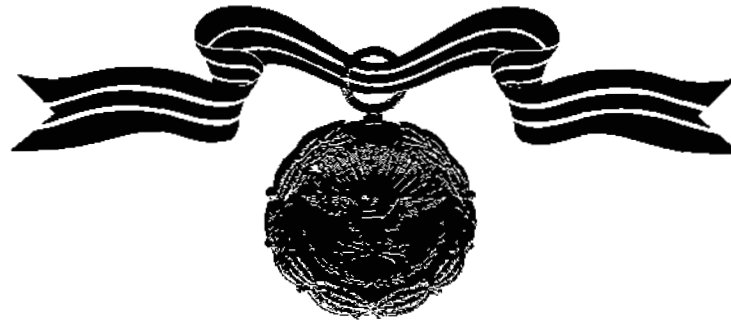




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to accompany the award of the  
Department of Defense Medal  
for Distinguished Public Service  
to  
Joseph E. Schmitz

*Mr. Joseph E. Schmitz is recognized for distinguished public service as the Inspector General for the Department of Defense, from April 2002 to September 2005. Mr. Schmitz displayed bold leadership and selfless dedication, providing senior Defense leaders, Members of Congress, and senior government officials critical and meaningful advice on audit, intelligence, and investigative matters, and reinvigorating the Office of the Inspector General by reshaping it into a cohesive, professional team of auditors, inspectors, and investigators by inspiring a culture of integrity, accountability, and intelligent risk-taking. Faced with the challenges presented by the Global War on Terrorism at home and overseas, he coordinated with the State Department to dispatch a team to Afghanistan to establish the Afghan Ministry of Defense with a solid organizational structure and proper anti-corruption controls; reoriented the Defense Criminal Investigative Service to devote necessary personnel and resources to anti-terrorism efforts; and initiated undercover operations to thwart critical weapons technology theft attempts. Mr. Schmitz adjusted criminal operations to confront increasing threats of computer and electronic crime, and he pioneered venues for Inspectors and Auditors General within the intelligence community to coordinate and share information, greatly improving the effectiveness and efficiency of oversight of Defense intelligence activities. The distinctive accomplishments of Mr. Schmitz reflect great credit upon himself, the Office of the Inspector General, and Department of Defense.*



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September 2005



*Donald H. Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense*